RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question must have been considered at that time.

The Pulikkeel bridge and the Kartikapalli-Trikunnapuzha road.

203. ***MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR** (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any estimate for the construction of the Pulikkeel bridge on the Kartikapalli-Trikkunnapuzha road was prepared at any time;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost of construction of the bridge; and

(*c*) whether any ferry is being maintained by the department to ford the Pulikkeel river?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Yes.

Foot bridge across Dhanapadi-Kartikapalli canal.

204. ***MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR** (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any representation in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly for the construction of a foot-bridge across the Dhanapadi-Kartikapalli canal near the Kartikapalli street;

(*b*) if so, whether they have taken any action on the represent ation; and

(*c*) whether any ferry is being maintained by the Department to cross the canal during floods?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise.

(*c*) No.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know whether there is any provision for the crossing of the canal during floods when the canal is full?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Government have not provided a ferry.

Encroachment of the sea at Neendakara.

205. ***MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the fact of the systematic encroachment by see at the Neendakara bar to the north of the Neendakara bridge at Quilon; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, have been taken by the P. W. D. to prevent the contingency of the road to the north of the Neendakara bridge being washed away by the sea?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Temporary works have already been carried out at the very outset. Permanent protective works are being attended to for a

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length of 400 feet and further temporary works for an additional length of 900 feet have been ordered to be executed.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer personally inspected the spot?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): When did he inspect last?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Last Sunday.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Have the preventive measures adopted been successful?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) I take it they are.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know, Sir, how much money has been spent on this work since the road was opened?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I cannot say that offhand.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether Government think that such temporary work would be sufficient to prevent erosion by the sea water?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): If the member would refer to my answer, he will find that permanant protection is intended.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know whether there was dislocation of traffic due to this?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I do not think so.

Medical examination for State Life Insurance.

206. ***MR. K. SANKARHN** (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government insist that the medical examination of policy-holders under the State Life Insurance Scheme should be conducted by doctors in the service of the State;

(*b*) whether any remuneration is given to those doctors for such medical examination, and, if so, what the rate is; and

(*c*) whether Medical Officers in the service of the State are permitted to receive any remuneration from persons going to them in the hospital to get their bodies examined?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No remuneration need be given for insurance in the State Life Insurance (*Official Branch*). But for insurance in the Public Branch, a small fee is paid for medical examination as below:

For proposals of Rs. 500 and below	...	Rs. 2
For proposals above Rs. 500 but not exceeding Rs. 3,000	...	Rs. 4
For proposals exceeding Rs. 3,000	...	Rs. 7

(*c*) The question is vague. "To get one's body examined by a doctor" may be for different purposes. No fees are levied from the in, or out-patients of a Government Hospital.

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